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### **Idaho February Red Meat Production Up 8 Percent from Last Year**

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for February 2013 totaled 3.7 million pounds, up 8 percent from February of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Accumulated red meat production for the January-February 2013 period totaled 7.9 million pounds, up 15 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.67 billion pounds in February, down 6 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in February 2012. Beef production, at 1.87 billion pounds, was 7 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.36 million head, down 8 percent from February 2012. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,320 pounds. Veal production totaled 9.0 million pounds, 9 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 59,600 head, down 1 percent from February 2012. The average live weight was down 18 pounds from last year, at 258 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.78 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.59 million head, down 5 percent from February 2012. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 277 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 11.5 million pounds, was down 7 percent from February 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 161,700 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, down 7 pounds from February a year ago. January to February 2013 commercial red meat production was 8.0 billion pounds, down slightly from 2012. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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